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E.O.11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL OPENING FOR NEW CHANCERY

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1. WE CONCUR THAT THE OPENING OF THE CHANCERY SHOULD BE AN OCCASION FOR A PUBLIC PRESENTATION LIKELY TO BE OF GENERAL INTEREST AND WELCOME THE IDEA OF AN EXHIBIT AS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE OPENING CEREMONY.

2. A SPACE EXHIBIT WITH A MOONROCK HAS BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION WITHIN THE EMBASSY AND WE ARE REMINDED OF THE SUCCESS OF ASTRONAUT CARR'S VISIT. WE ARE UNCERTAIN ABOUT THE TIMELY MOUNTING OF A SPACE EXHIBIT, HOWEVER, AND FOR THIS REASON HAVE DISCUSSED ALTERNATIVES WITH VISITING USIA DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ARNOLD WHO HAS SUGGESTED " LIFE, LIBERTY AND PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS" PREPARED IN CONNECTION WITH THE BICENTENNIAL.

3. USIS BERLIN IS CHECKING TO SEE WHETHER A COMPLETE SET IN GERMAN IS AVAILABLE, AND IF NOT, WE WOULD REQUEST USIS BONN TO INFORM US WHEN A SET COULD BE SHIPPED. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH VIENNA'S REGIONAL
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PROJECTS OFFICE AND HOPE TO HAVE MAX GROSSMANN VISIT

US NEXT WEEK WHEN WE CAN DISCUSS MOUNTING OF "LIFE"
EXHIBIT. IF NOT FEASIBLE, WE WOULD EXPLORE FURTHER
POSSIBILITIES WITH RPO.

4. OUR BEST ESTIMATE AT PRESENT IS THAT CHANCERY WILL
BE READY FOR OCCUPANCY AND OPENING CEREMONY LAST FIVE
DAYS OF JANUARY. WE ENVISAE USING FOYER, LIBRARY,
AUDITORIUM AND CONSULAR SECTION RECEPTION AREA FOR
EXHIBIT, WITH TOTAL APPROXIMATE AREA OF 5245 SQUARE
FEET.
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